
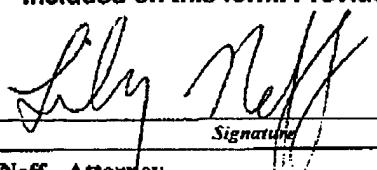


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In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, applicants are amending the claims herein as indicated on the subsequent page titled "Amendments to the Claims."

Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments made and the comments presented in applicants' remarks section,